

NEWSLINE



North Primary School and Nursery

A Town Centre School with a Strong Community Ethos

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Visible Learning

In assembly on the 18th the children were thinking about learning and teaching. More precisely, learners and teachers. The children are becoming more and more knowledgeable about the characteristics of successful learners. Classroom displays like the two pictured here are great visual prompts. What the children have not been asked to think about as much are the characteristics of a good teacher, and harder still: what teachers do to become even better teachers. There were some interesting responses in the assembly.

Sebastian said teachers need to keep doing research. Jack said they need to be reflective about what they do. Charlotte said they need to learn from their students. Charlotte explained to the children what she meant: that the teachers need to know what the children can do and how they do it so they can be helped to improve their skills, knowledge and understanding. These are great answers which all our teachers agree with. We even thought

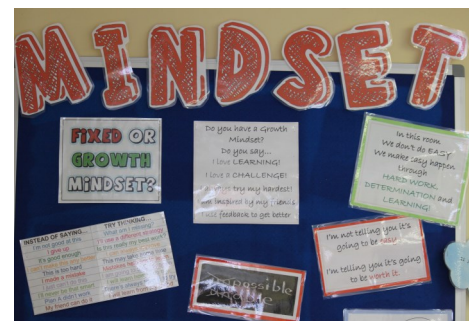


about Miss Jacobs who has been teaching at North for 30 years. Even though she is brilliant at her job she still strives to improve. Miss Bilton said that Miss Jacobs is a great teacher because one of the things she does is learn from her pupils and adapts her lessons so they can all succeed.

The teachers' newsletters are going to share with you not just what the children are doing and how their home learning can extend that but also how the children's learning characteristics are developing too. This is part of our

school research programme called **Visible Learning**. We will tell you a lot more about Visible Learning over the course of the year.

Watch this space.



Who'd Be A Parent!

In most ways parenting has not changed. It remains the most difficult yet rewarding thing we can do as adults. But one thing that has made parenting more difficult over the past few years is the impact of ever-changing technology. Mobile phones, the internet and social media are all amazing and are very much a part of all our lives. The challenge is about how we actually parent, especially when our children seem to know more than we do! In the spring there will be a parents event to help us navigate our way through this minefield. It is run by *The Two Johns* who have built up a well deserved reputation in Essex for giving parents information they need in a way that is refreshingly down to earth. We would like to gauge interest in this event. Please complete and return the reply slip below if you would want to attend this event.

In the meantime, if you want guidance or to know how to report a concern, look on our website where you will find links to some very useful sites and get your children to explain how these things work too!

Name of Child(ren) _____ Class(es) _____

I would want to attend a Parent Workshop on E-Safety Yes No

Signed _____ date _____



Superstars

Congratulations to Miss Bilton, Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Davies who completed the London to Brighton Cycle Ride on the 17th. They were cycling in aid of the skin cancer charity, *Melanoma Uk*. If you would like to make a donation please visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/londontobrightonross27. [Ross is Mrs. Davies' son who died from skin cancer earlier this year at the age of 27.]



Advert

Stagecoach is opening a new school, for children aged 6 to 18! The school is being launched for the Autumn Term and opens on Saturday 16th September. To celebrate the launch of the new school a two week trial is being offered where children can experience our fun-tastic drama, dance and singing classes first hand. For just £50 for the Main School classes (children aged 6 to 18), or £25 for the Early Stages classes (children aged 4 to 6). So what are you waiting for! Book your two week trial now by contacting Principal Caroline on 0845 603 0880, or email colchester@stagecoach.co.uk

TERM DATES

Tuesday 19th September	Y5 Parents Meeting - WEYMOUTH 2018	2.45pm	
Tuesday 26th September	St. Helena Roadshow - parents of Y6 and Year 5	2.00pm	
Wednesday 27th September	Phonics workshops for Parents start		
Wednesday 27th September	BLUE BAG DAY		
Tuesday 3rd October	NSA AGM		
Friday 7th October	BOOK FAIR ARRIVES & Animal Agents' celebration		
Friday 13th October	NSA Disco		
Friday 20th October	Last day of half term		
Monday 30th October	Return to school		
Monday 13th November	Individual and sibling Photos		All day
Friday 17th November	NSA Bingo		6.00pm
Tuesday 21st November	FLU VACCINE DAY		All day
Thursday 23rd November	Parent Consultation Evening		
Friday 24th November	Non-uniform day -		
Wednesday 29th November	Parents Meetings for September 2018 starters		6.00pm and 7.00pm
Wednesday 6th December	Reception Nativity		9.30am
Friday 8th December	KS1 Christmas Play		9.30am and 2.00pm
Friday 15th December	Year 3 Christmas Play		9.30am
Friday 15th December	Year 4 Christmas Play		2.00pm
Tuesday 19th December	Year5/6 Carol Concert		7.00pm
Wednesday 20th December	Last day of Autumn Term		
Wednesday 3rd January 2018	First day of Spring Term		
Friday 9th February	Last day of half term		
Monday 19th February	Return to school		
Thursday 29th March	End of Spring Term		
Tuesday 17th April	First day of Summer Term		
Friday 25th May	Last day of half term		
Tuesday 5th June	Return to school		
Friday 20th July	End of school year		